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December 27, 2011

Chairman Ruth Goldway
%Secretary of the Postal Regulatory Commission
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW Suite 200
Washington, D. C. 20268-001

Dear Ms Goldway:

This letter serves as an appeal of the USPS final determination to close the post office in Jonesville, Texas 75659. As one of the Directors of The Ark and the Dove Foundation, I would like to express my concern about the closure of Jonesville 75659 Post Office.. My family has lived in the Jonesville area for over a hundred years, and we have always used the post office there. When my sister and I established a charitable foundation several years ago, we immediately wanted the foundation's address to be in Jonesville. This was because of the following reasons:

- Safety – With money going in and out of our address, we wanted a secure place to receive the donations coming our way
- Historic – One of our foundation's goals is to help Jonesville and other historic areas in preservation so that the future generation will gain from the past and understand more about what our great country offers.
- Location – The post office is within a mile of my house and less than 100 yards from our family business.
- Family heritage –My family came to Maryland in 1634 on the Ark and the Dove. We came to build a new life for ourselves. We migrated to the Jonesville area in the early 1800's. Jonesville is a unique area that we hope to preserve and hopefully become known as a National Historic District. Cotton was king here, and we actually still own an operational cotton gin across from our general store.

I would like for the decision to close the Jonesville 75659 Post Office to be remanded or dismissed based on the following reasons:

- The risk of delivery of our foundation's mail to an unattended roadside mailbox is not an option for our foundation due to the monetary transactions that we currently have and plan to have in the future.
- Our foundation's input was not sought prior to the announcement of the post office closing. In fact, I am not sure if the district office even knew we had a mailbox in Jonesville. Our foundation is based in Jonesville, but it was not included on the district submitted list of foundations in the Jonesville community, even though we have had a post office box rented here in Jonesville for more than two years.

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- After writing letters to the U.S. postal service, I only received a standardized response. My questions involving safety and cost of relocating the Ark and the Dove Foundation to another post office were not answered. The evidence of the Jonesville Post Office losing money was never explained, and the post office records in Jonesville say that we actually increased our revenue over the last two years.
- Closing the post office in Jonesville will have a negative effect on our community and will not save the postal service money. Thorough research of our community and our needs were not taken prior to putting the Jonesville Post Office on the closure list. Accurate portrayals of our Jonesville post office finances and community needs were not given to those who needed to make this important decision.
- Even though we are a rural community, we want to have services available to us that urban areas have, too.

Thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Vaughan Miller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ellen Vaughan Miller,
Board Member of The Ark and the Dove Foundation